

## Death and Funeral of Col. Beauregard F. Moseley

### He was One of the Most Prominent and Leading Colored Republicans Throughout the State of Illinois; He Delivered Speeches for William McKinley in 1896; He was Presidential Elector on the Progressive or the Theodore Roosevelt Ticket in 1912

He Was a Writer of Much Force and Ability; He was Held in the Highest Esteem by United States Senator Hon. Medil McCormick, Who Called at the Fort Dearborn Hospital Just Before He Passed Away and Bid Him a Long Farewell, and by Many Other White Citizens of This City and State.

Monday evening at 7 o'clock, Beauregard F. Moseley, who was by far one of the best known colored men in this section of the country, closed his eyes in death at the Fort Dearborn Hospital. At the time of his death he was surrounded by his constant and devoted wife, Mrs. Carrie Moseley, his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cary B. Lewis, Edward H. Wright, Oscar DePriest and by several other friends. Alderman John H. Lyle who presented the bereaved and sorrowing family with a very beautiful floral offering.

Influenza was the leading or the contributing cause of his untimely death, which was a great shock to his thousands of friends in all walks of life. His life or career reads like a fairy tale; he was born in the little town of Lincoln, Lincoln county, Ga., in 1868, where he spent his early days, receiving his scant education in its public schools of his country. For several years he very successfully taught in the county schools; as time went by he still had a burning desire to drink in more knowledge for he fully realized that knowledge is power the world over and in time he removed from his little country home to New Orleans, La., where he soon became a power in local and national politics.

Shortly after landing in New Orleans he took up the study of law under the tutelage of the Hon. F. B. Earheart, at that time United States District Attorney. It was in that city where he was very happily united in marriage to Miss Carrie Hammond and two of their children were born there, Bertha and Burton Moseley. B. F. Moseley, Jr., being born here in Chicago. In the early part of 1891, he removed from New Orleans with his family and located at Montreal, Canada, but that climate being too cold and frigid for him, that same year he landed in Chicago with his family.

Not long after locating in this city he started the Weekly Republic, which he successfully published until September 1, 1898, at which time he was admitted to the Illinois and the United States Federal Court Bars, he made money right from the start in the law business, he opened his Law offices at 63rd and Halsted streets where he was located for many years and 90 per cent of his clients were composed of white people. He constructed a beautiful home for his family at 6248 south Sangamon street and he acquired other property in this city and at Idlewild, Michigan, the new Colored summer resort, of which he was elected its first mayor.

He was the founder and the organizer of the famous Leland Giants Baseball team or club. He was one of the first promoters of the West

Michigan summer resort near Benton Harbor, Michigan, he served as president of the Appomattox Club for one term and during that time he advanced five hundred dollars of his own money and made it possible for the club to buy and own its present home at 3441 south Wabash Ave.

For the past three years he has successfully conducted the Idlewild Hotel, 33rd and south Wabash ave. where he made his home with his family Mrs. B. F. Moseley and her aged mother—grandma, Mrs. Jane Hammond.

Thursday noon funeral services were held over his earthly remains in the parlors of the Idlewild Hotel. Rev. A. J. Carey was master of ceremonies and read the short statement of his career and death. Extended remarks by Rev. Moses M. Jackson; violin solo, Harrison Emanuel. Mrs. Martha B. Anderson, who is an old friend of the family and Mr. George R. Garner also softly sang solos, at the conclusion of which W. T. Brown head of District Council No. 20, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows took charge of the remains and it and Englewood Lodge No. 4230, of the same order of which Mr. Moseley was an honored member also held services over their departed brother. The head officials of Great Lakes Lodge of Elks fittingly paid their respects to his memory.

Mr. Julius N. Ayendorph assisted Mrs. Clifford Johnson who was in charge of the funeral arrangements to see to it that everything in connection with it worked as easily as a well regulated clock.

Resolutions were read from all the Lodges just mentioned deploring his death and from the Chicago Business League and by S. A. T. Watkins, President of the Appomattox Club. The floral offerings were many and very beautiful; his remains were laid to rest in the family lot in Lincoln Cemetery.

Mr. Moseley leaves to mourn his death his wife, Mrs. B. F. Moseley, one daughter, Mrs. Cary B. Lewis, his son-in-law, Mr. Cary B. Lewis, four brothers and six sisters, namely, Mrs. Alice W. Jones, Mrs. Lizzie Thompson, Mrs. Pinkie Thompson, Mrs. Mamie Williams, Mrs. Lela Andrews, Mrs. Lillie Irvin, Rev. G. P. Moseley, Rev. G. W. Moseley, Mr. Nathan Moseley, Mr. Albert Moseley.

For over twenty years the writer and Beauregard F. Moseley were warm friends and that friendship extended to both families during all those years never one cross nor harsh word passed between them and we join with his bereaved family and hosts of friends and regret his passing on out of this world of so much pain and sorrow.

#### COUNTRY CLUB TRIAL FOR MEMBER WHO RENTS BUILDING TO NEGROES.

Whether it constitutes "conduct unbecoming a gentleman for a club member to rent his boulevard property to Negro tenants is a question the board of governors of the South Shore Country Club will be called upon to decide at their next meeting.

Thirty members have filed charges against William B. Austin, a wealthy attorney and realty dealer living at the Virginia Hotel, charging he sold property at 4404 Grand Blvd. to Negroes and rented another apartment at 4807 Grand Blvd. to another Negro family.

Mr. Austin said he had not received official notification of the charges, but would fight them.

Another angle of the war of the whites against the blacks was placing of a bomb Wednesday night at the home of Jesse Binga, colored banker, 5922 South Park ave. The missile exploded weakly and started a small fire which was extinguished quickly by the fire department.

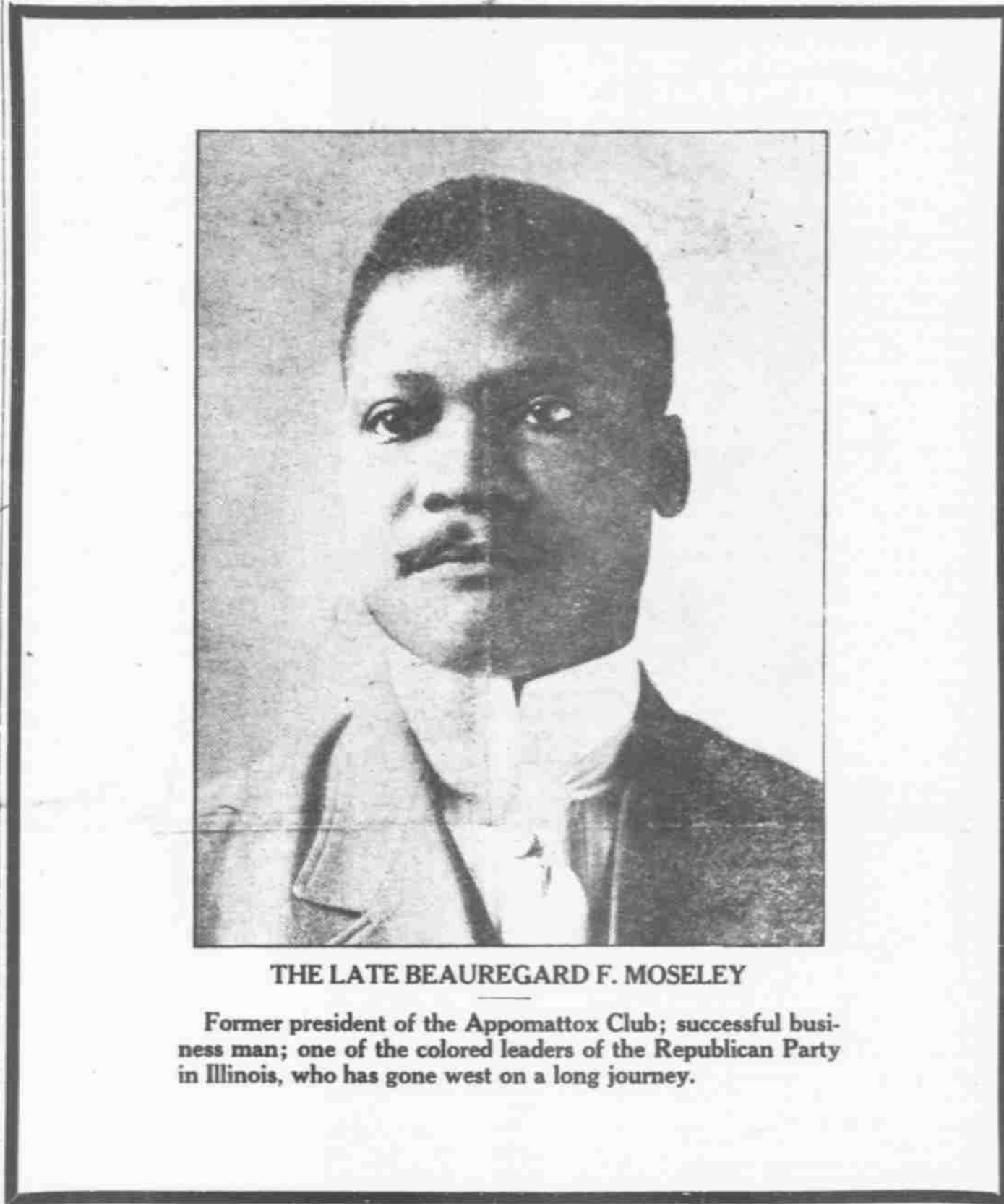
#### WHITE MAN GETS DEATH SENTENCE ON RAPE CHARGE.

Memphis.—The death sentence was passed on Allen McNamara (white), who was convicted on a charge of rape in Judge Richards' court here last week. Judge Richards fixed January 2, 1920, as the day of McNamara's execution. The case was one of the most horrible legal entanglements in which an attack on a woman was the main issue that has ever been heard here. McNamara has appealed to the Supreme Court.

#### MISSOURI DEMOCRATS TO START A NEGRO ORGANIZATION.

Sedalia, Mo.—An effort will be made by the Democratic State Committee in Sedalia, Dec. 17, to form a state-wide Democratic Negro organization with four representatives, two men and two women, from each of the 16 congressional districts. The meeting also will be attended by Gov. Gardner and other Democratic State officials.

Frank Armstrong, executive secre-



THE LATE BEAUREGARD F. MOSELEY  
Former president of the Appomattox Club; successful business man; one of the colored leaders of the Republican Party in Illinois, who has gone west on a long journey.

tary of the Democratic State Committee, in announcing plans for the organization said there were at least 15,000 Negro Democrats in Missouri.

#### BOOKS TO TRAIN NEW CITIZENSHIP THROUGHOUT STATE.

Library Law Will Bring Good Reading To Every Corner of Illinois.

Some Interesting Facts About Libraries Developed at Community Conference.

"The new country library law that was passed by the legislature last June, means that better and bigger libraries can be established in Illinois; libraries from which all the people of the whole country may borrow books, men, women, and children, said Miss Anna M. Price secretary Illinois library commission Saturday afternoon at the Better Community conference.

"That is the idea of the country library—to place books within the easy reach of everybody.

"The day is past when the library can be satisfied in circulating recreational reading. It must take its place as an educational institution.

"The never was a time when America needed efficient workmen more than it does today. And not only keen minds but, as Mr. Schwab says the willingness to do a full day's work for a full day's pay.

"Today, the oneidea seems to be to do as little as possible, work fewer hours and demand the highest wage. Yet everyone is complaining of the high cost of living.

#### Give People Understanding.

"The only way to make people do differently is to give them a better understanding of the industrial situation. This can be done through books and periodicals.

"The state has adopted two methods whereby citizens can get an education, the public school and library.

"The men in the camps learned the value of books. As one soldier said to the camp librarian, 'I want to keep

up in my work, for when I go back I want to break even with the fellow who has been at work all the time I have been here.'

"Why the country library rather than the city, village or township library? It reaches more people. We now have 297 public libraries which would equal two to each county if so distributed, to be sure they are not, as there are 17 counties with no library whatsoever. We are not reaching one-third the population or two-thirds of the population have no access to libraries.

"The county library is the most economical. It means one large adequate collection of books, not five or six duplicate collections of small collections. It means a better trained library staff.

The county library means a better distribution of books. There is one central library, reading rooms and branch libraries in all small towns, collections of books in all the villages and rural schools. Individuals in rural districts receive even better service than people living near the central library. Requests for books are made by letter or telephone and the book is delivered to the very door by parcel post. The book auto also makes stated trips, stopping at farm houses and schools.

gives Better Service.

"Miss Titcomb, from Hagerstown, Maryland, writes, 'We are more and more discontinuing the deposit collections as our book wagon gives so much better service. New titles are being added and the house to house visits of the wagon naturally do establish a much more direct connection with the patrons and the larger resources of the library can so much more easily be brought to their attention.

"Indiana, which obtained its county law only two years ago, now has seven county libraries. County libraries are so more an experiment but a definite successful, experience, as is shown in libraries from California to Maryland. Our neighboring states find them especially adapted to this part of the country.

"Illinois is not so very different Indiana. The greatest difference seems to be in the willingness to give a thing a trial. Consolidated schools were established in Indiana before they were in Illinois; also good roads; also county libraries. Though we began campaigning our Illinois legislation at the same time it was done in Indiana, we had to educate three different sessions before we could pass our bill.

"Champaign county has now only two libraries, serving only the citizens of Champaign and Urbana. There are over 30,000 people in the county that have no access to a library. There are 244 schools in the county. Some have collections of books it is true but even the best of them have nothing like an adequate library. Why should not these people and these school children have the use of a good general library? Why should Champaign county not have a book wagon going from house to house.

"To establish county libraries in Illinois requires a referendum vote. This may be done at either the regular county election or at a special election. Brown county is to be the first to take advantage of the law. Jasper, Edgingham, Scott, and Cumberland counties are planning to hold elections."

DR. H. FRANKLIN BRAY, "ROCKY MOUNTAIN" EVANGELIST BACK FROM SPRINGFIELD.

After six weeks of strenuous revival campaign where a union meeting of all the churches was conducted by him, Dr. H. Franklin Bray the "Rocky Mountain" evangelist returned to the city Wednesday morning. There were THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE conversions and more than Two Thousand Dollars raised to pay the expense of erecting and operating the great tabernacle where the meetings were held.

#### Charles E. Stump, the Kansas Newspaper Writer, Continues to Cut a Wide Swath Throughout the Southland—For Several Days He Found Much Pleasure in Hanging Around Hot Springs, Ark.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Have you ever been to Hot Springs? If you have not, well I don't know what to say to you, for I am frightened almost out of my shoes and boots too, and my heart is about to jump out of my mouth, and you would be the same any if you could see the water boiling up out of the ground, or coming out of the hills hot. I think it must be nearing hell, and as soon as I can get myself together I am going to get away. I look every minute to see the devil pop up out of these mountains and contend for his own.

I am feeling real good as I wrote to you this week, for I have seen a few things to make me feel like just putting out my Old Baptist arm and taking in the whole world, and I come to you this week with words of praise for Governor Charles H. Brough, Dr. E. C. Morris, and Bishop J. M. Connor, and to say the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

I have been way up yonder in Virginia and I told you about it in my last letter. I told you about Dr. Woods and the great school over which he presides as president and then I told you about that wonderful speech which Dr. Robert H. Moton made, and now I am way down here in this place almost to the devil's home and it must be for the water is heated there. I am in good company as long as I am around anything that has Poro connected with it, for you know that it was Poro which has made the world know Mrs. Annie M. Malone, and her husband Aaron E. Malone. Mrs. Malone is that wonderful woman in St. Louis who has put brains into hair and Prof. Aaron E. Malone is the man who put pep into it, and between the two you have something on which you can go and something on which you may depend. God help us to get right.

Now let me tell you in this city there is Mrs. E. C. Clardy, who came into this world, just how many years I do not know, but it was by the way of Columbus, Miss., and when she had gotten here, she went to school and graduated and became a successful teacher in Oklahoma, and later she decided to do two things, marry, and take a course at Poro college, and in both she has been successful. She is a brave woman, for it takes a brave woman or man to locate in this hot place, but she is here, and I wish you could just step in and see her parlors, where she puts the Poro on to the queen's taste, and if you are not a queen when she gets through you will look like one. She is up in the business.

I have been in the Poro flats, and they have fine rooms and then I have seen her work, and honey I tell you she is just one more busy woman and I say this from A to Z, and she made me real proud of her, and I want to congratulate the Poro college on turning out such an able woman.

Now let me step back to my starting point. I went to Little Rock to be there with the brethren to hear what they had to say and what they were doing. God bless them all for I was delighted to be in their company. On one corner was the session of the Arkansas Annual African Methodist conference, and just across the street in the Mosaic Temple was the Baptist State convention, and believe me they had some people there from all parts of the state and visitors from other states. But I am not going to tell you much about that, except to say that Rev. V. M. Townsend the man who is pushed to succeed Dr. B. F. Watson in the A. M. E. Church Extension Society, was elected a delegate to the general conference, and he is a popular man in this section of the country among his people. He is a fine man and well trained.

Now let me step back to where I was, and if you will go with me you will say with me that the day is breaking, and perhaps will also thank God

for Governor Brough, although he has declared that he did not want outside advice, but would rely upon the Arkansas people for his information and his advice, and he even urged our people to boycott some paper published by members of our race, I think he called the name of the paper, but I do not remember just what one it was.

But he had the courage to call a conference of the two races. As a rule when the white man calls a meeting to discuss the problems he calls a meeting of white men, and we are left out only to hear their verdict, and then we can take it or lump it. It is like playing Richard III with Richard left out, and only the third put put in. But this I am talking about now as real, and I was there and saw it for myself. It was an open free speech meeting. There was not a muzzle put on the Negro, and he was permitted to speak right out in church, and he did speak out. He said what was in his heart to his white brother, and in return the white brother said what was in his heart to his black brother, and no one got angry. The Governor has the right idea of things. He spoke in terms of praise of Dr. E. C. Morris, Dr. Joseph A. Booker, and Bishop J. M. Connor. They were termed sane and safe leaders of their race, and he was familiar with them, and knew much about them. I was proud of this.

They met, they prayed, they then listened to the Governor and all he had to say. They heard him carefully and I think prayerfully, for I tell you while he was talking I was in touch with God, and I believe he heard me. The Governor told all about his experience in the Elaine trouble, and how he had saved many lives by going at the head of the federal troops to the scene, although it came near costing him his own life, and he evinced a little nervousness at the time he was talking. Yet in the face of that, he wanted to be fair, he wanted to save human life, and both races would have been heavy losers if it had not been stopped.

I do not question this at all, and when he told the story in a way which would cause men to think, he then called upon Dr. Morris, an honored citizen of Phillips County where the tragedy was enacted. Now fully five hundred pair eyes were turned on Dr. Morris, but he was as cool as a cucumber, and as deliberate as a deliberator. He told them that he had lived in the state 43 years, and all of that time had been right in Helena, but had never in these years been to Elaine. He spoke of a friendly relation between the two races, and declared that there had never been a lynching in that section. He was sorry to say that he had also received threatening letters, and some declared that he was unfit to lead the people, because he had not rushed into print with an opinion on the Elaine trouble. He did not consider the newspaper the best place to settle differences. He said that he was not afraid of anything or anybody, and stood ready to speak the truth at all times as he saw it and understood it. He declared that he was too old to run, and no one could run him out of Helena, that they might kill him, but run, never, he was going to obey the law, do right, and for his rights as a man he stood flat footed.

He told all he knew about the Elaine trouble which was not much. He thought in some respects there was a spirit of fairness, and there were some things that could have been done, and he considered that the men condemned had been misled and because of their ignorance deserved sympathy.

"But these men even fired on the Governor," suggested some one on the white side of the house, "which showed they had murder in their hearts."

I don't believe that they knew "the Governor was in that car. My race has never assaulted a Governor nor even attempted to take the life of one

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